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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **January 22, 2007**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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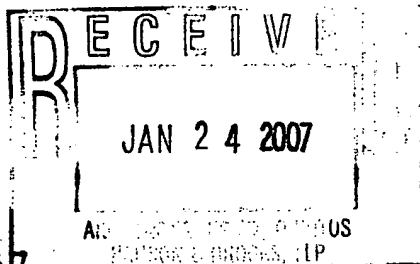
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- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/22/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 12/19/2005
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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